

I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates. The cable ownership

cap is a crucial element of our democratic media, and it should not be weakened.

Media credibility is already under question, pressured by the corporations that advertise on their networks and maintain ownership of them or special interests. The media must be protected from the evils within themselves. Consolidation of cable will create a monopoly at worst and an oligarchy at best, neither of which is in the interest of the American people and our rights to freedom of speech and freedom of the press.